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CENTRAL LIBRARY TO SCREEN “FOOTBALL UNDER COVER” ABOUT FIRST FEMALE SOCCER MATCH IN IRAN

Inspiring and Audience-Friendly Film Bursts with Female Power

SAN DIEGO – The Persian Cultural Center of San Diego and the San Diego Public Library will screen the film *Football Under Cover* in conjunction with the ongoing *One Book, One San Diego* community reading campaign. The film will screen at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24 in the auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This event is free to the public.

Directed by Ayat Najaf and David Assmann, *Football Under Cover* is about women finding empowerment in a society with limited rights. An amateur female soccer team from Berlin visits Iran to play against the Iranian female national soccer team that until now has never had the chance to play against another team. For Iranian women, soccer means freedom and power. They are not allowed at stadiums to watch games and are not allowed to play with uncovered arms or legs -- or without headscarves.

The *One Book* campaign, sponsored with KPBS, is designed to encourage all San Diegans to read the same book at the same time, and to educate and enlighten on topics and themes of concern to the community. This year's selection is *Outcasts United* by New York Times journalist Warren St. John. Throughout the year the San Diego Public Library, KPBS and other partner organizations will present workshops, lectures, discussion groups and TV and radio programming.

The Persian Cultural Center of San Diego was created to celebrate, share and promote the very rich cultural abundance of Iran's many ethnic groups and their histories through education and the performance, literary and visual arts. Find more information about the Center online at www.pccsd.org.

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Learn about other events at the SDPL's Central Library and 35 branches, including an entire section for *One Book, One San Diego*, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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